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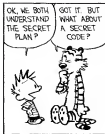
















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What was the significance of the Erie Canal?



IN THE COSMIC SENSE, PROBABLY NIL.



WE "BIG PICTURE" PEOPLE RARELY BECOME HISTORIANS.



REMEMBER WHEN I WAS FIRST BORN? I COULDN'T EVEN TURN MYSELF OVER! MY EYES WOULDN'T FOCUS! I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING!



THINK OF ALL THE WORK IT TOOK TO DEVELOP THE MOTOR SKILLS NECESSARY TO HOLD A CRAYON, TO PLACE THE TIP OF IT ON A PAGE, AND TO MOVE IT IN PREDETERMINED, COORDINATED MOTIONS!



THIS PICTURE IS THE RESULT OF SIX YEARS' UNRELENTING TOIL! A LIFETIME OF EFFORT WENT INTO THIS!



I'M STILL NOT PAYING YOU \$500 FOR IT

IT WILL APPRECIATE! IT'S AN INVESTMENT!

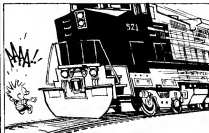




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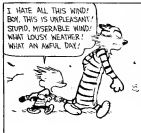
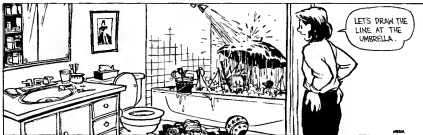


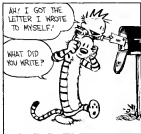


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by NEWMAN







"DEAR CALVIN,
HI! I'M WRITING
THIS ON MONDAY.
WHAT DAY IS IT NOW?
HOW ARE THINGS GOING?
YOUR PAL,
CALVIN."



"DEAR FUTURE CALVIN,
I WROTE THIS SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE.
YOU WILL RECEIVE IT. YOU'VE DONE
THINGS I HAVEN'T DONE. YOU'VE
SEEN THINGS I HAVEN'T SEEN. YOU
KNOW THINGS I DON'T KNOW. YOU
LUCKY DOG!
YOUR PAL,
CALVIN."







LOOK AT ALL THE STARS!
THE UNIVERSE JUST GOES
OUT FOREVER AND EVER!



IT KIND OF MAKES YOU WONDER
WHY MAN CONSIDERS HIMSELF
SUCH A BIG SCREAMING DEAL...



THAT'S WHY WE STAY
INSIDE WITH OUR
APPLIANCES...

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THIS NEW ISSUE OF CHEWING MAGAZINE TELLS HOW TO SET UP A MANDIBULAR FITNESS REGIME!



BASICALLY, THEY RECOMMEND INTERVAL TRAINING: CHEWING ONE PIECE OF GUM WITH LOTS OF REPS, FOLLOWED BY CHEWING FIVE PIECES OF GUM AT ONCE, SO YOU REALLY WORK THE MASSETER AND BUCCINATOR MUSCLES.



IT'S A GRUELING WORKOUT, BUT YOU BUILD STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE, SO YOU CAN COME THROUGH IN A CLINCHER.



I'M SURE THE GLORY MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE.



PLUS, YOU DEVELOP THAT "CHEWERS' JAW" THAT DRIVES THE GIRLS WILD.

WHAT'S WITH THE FACE?

I'M DOING STRETCHES.



CHEWING MAGAZINE SAYS YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WARM UP BEFORE YOU CHEW GUM.



DID YOU KNOW THAT NEGLECTING TO STRETCH THE TEMPORALIS MUSCLES IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF GUM CHEWING INJURIES?



WHAT ABOUT FALLING DOWN WHILE CHEWING AND WALKING?

WITH A GOOD HELMET, THE RISK IS SURPRISINGLY SMALL.







WHAT ON EARTH AM I
DOING IN HERE ON THIS
BEAUTIFUL DAY?!
THIS IS THE ONLY LIFE
I'VE GOT!!



NEXT TIME, TRY A DRINK
OF WATER AND
A FEW DEEP
BREATHS.



LOOK! A TRICKLE OF
WATER RUNNING THROUGH
SOME DIRT!



I'D SAY OUR
AFTERNOON
JUST GOT
BOOKED SOLID!

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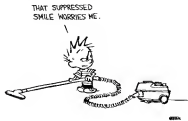




BECAUSE IT'S BAD ENOUGH WE HAVE A TELEPHONE.







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by BILLY
WIDEN





GROWN-UPS CAN ONLY JUSTIFY PLAYING OUTSIDE BY CALLING IT EXERCISE, DOING IT WHEN THEY'D RATHER NOT, AND KEEPING RECORDS TO QUANTIFY THEIR PERFORMANCE.





HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW NOBODY DRESSES UP FOR ANYTHING ANYMORE? PEOPLE LOOK LIKE SLOBS EVERYWHERE THEY GO.



EVERYBODY'S RUDE, TOO. PEOPLE SWEAR ALL THE TIME, AND YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT BEING ADDRESSED AS "MR." OR "SIR." THERE'S NO RESPECT FOR ANYONE.



HOW COME **I** GOTTA CHANGE THE WORLD?!



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EVERY SATURDAY MORNING IS THE SAME.



WE GET UP AT THE CRACK OF DAWN, WATCH CARTOONS AND EAT SUGARY CEREAL UNTIL WE FIGHT, AND THEN MOM THROWS US OUT OF THE HOUSE. IT NEVER CHANGES.



THAT'S WHAT **I** LIKE ABOUT SATURDAYS TOO!

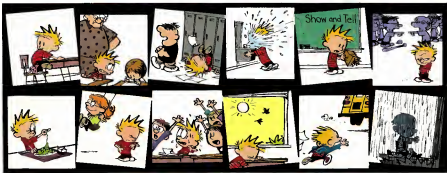
FIRST ONE DOWNSTAIRS GETS TO PICK THE CARTOONS!



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WOW! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT ONE!



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SECRETLY, I WAS HOPING FOR A DEAFENING EXPLOSION.



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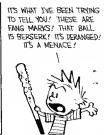


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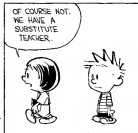






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THINGS I WILL NEVER LIKE:

1. DRYING OFF WITH A COLD, DAMP TOWEL.
2. THE FEELING OF SEAWEEED WRAPPING AROUND MY LEG.



3. ANYTHING THAT WAS POPULAR IN THE 70s.
4. LICORICE, YAMS, OR RAISINS.
5. THAT HIGH-PITCHED SCREECH THAT BABIES MAKE.
6. WRITHING MAGGOTS.



IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE CERTAINITIES IN LIFE.



LIFE IS FULL OF POSSIBILITIES.



FOR EXAMPLE, RIGHT NOW, INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE SCHOOL BUS, I COULD STICK OUT MY THUMB, HITCH A RIDE, AND SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN THE SERENGETI, MIGRATING WITH THE WILDBEESTS!



THE SERENGETI IS IN AFRICA. YOU COULDN'T REALLY HITCH A RIDE THERE.



LIFE IS FULL OF PRECLUDED POSSIBILITIES.



SLURRRP
SLURRRP



ACKKPTH
BLUB!



I'D BET ANYTHING THAT THE
PRINCIPAL HAS A VALVE IN
HIS OFFICE THAT CHANGES
THE WATER PRESSURE.



WHY ARE YOU
DIGGING A HOLE?

I'M LOOKING
FOR BURIED
TREASURE!



WHAT HAVE
YOU FOUND?

A FEW DIRTY ROCKS,
A WEIRD ROOT,
AND
SOME DISGUSTING
GRUBS.



ON YOUR
FIRST TRY??

THERE'S TREASURE
EVERYWHERE!



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by WESLEY

THE FEARLESS SPACEMAN SPIFF,
INTERPLANETARY EXPLORER,
EXTRACORDINARY SALES AGENT
THE FORBIDDING LANDSCAPE
OF AN UNOCCUPIED PLANET!



WHAT DANGERS LIE
AHEAD FOR OUR HERO?
WHAT HORRIBLE ALIENS
MIGHT THIS WORLD?



WHAT STRANGE ADVENTURES MIGHT
THE INTREPID SPIFF? WHAT BIZARRE
OCCURRENCE WILL OUR HERO BE
THE FIRST TO WITNESS?



THE SURPRISE!



...OUR HERO
CHECKS A
FEW ROCKS



SIGH...



IF YOU COULDN'T FIND ANY
NEEDINESS, MAYBE WE'LL
JUST HAVE TO MAKE SOME!



HOW YEA,
TALKIN'!



OUCHYHAWA.



WHEN YOUR AILMENTS SOUND CUTE, YOU DON'T GET MUCH SYMPATHY.





WHEN BIRDS BURP,
IT MUST TASTE
LIKE BUGS.



NOBODY EVER PAYS
ME A PENNY FOR
MY THOUGHTS.



LOOK AT THIS, HOBBS.
I ADDED IT UP AND FIGURED
OUT I SPEND AN AVERAGE
OF FOUR DAYS A YEAR
TAKING BATHS!



FOUR FULL DAYS - MORNING,
NOON, AND NIGHT - JUST SITTING
IN THE STUPID BATHTUB!
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE A
BIGGER WASTE OF TIME THAN
THAT??



HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU
TO ADD THIS ALL UP??

WOW, LOOK AT THIS BUG GO! WHAT ON EARTH WOULD MAKE A BUG HURRY?



YOU'RE DELUDING YOURSELF, STUPID! NOTHING YOU DO IS IMPORTANT! YOU'RE JUST A BUG!



OH MY GOSH, LOOK, AT THE TIME!



I'M A MAN OF FEW WORDS.



MAYBE IF YOU READ MORE, YOU'D HAVE A LARGER VOCABULARY.



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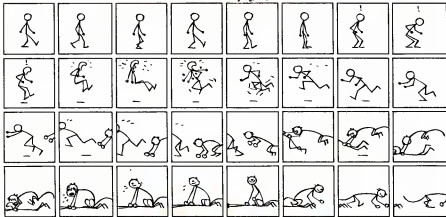






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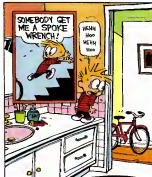


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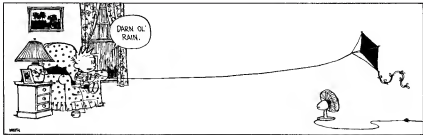


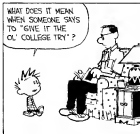


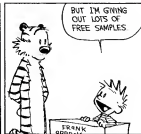


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WELCOME TO STUPIDOPOLIS...



...A THRIVING COASTAL CITY...



STUPIDLY BUILT NEAR AN UNDERSEA FAULT LINE...



THAT JUST SHIFTED!



A CURIOUS 'SHADOW' FALLS OVER DOWNTOWN.



RUMBBLE



FLOOSH



WHY DOES WE BUILD EVERYTHING SO CLOSE TO THE WATER? IT'S STUPID.

HE DOESN'T SEEM TO MIND DOING IT OVER AND OVER.





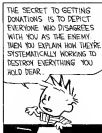


I'LL BE HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE, WHILE YOU'LL BE SITTING HERE YAWNING AND WISHING YOU WERE...



IT REALLY MADE ME SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY. IT'S GIVEN ME A LOT TO THINK ABOUT.

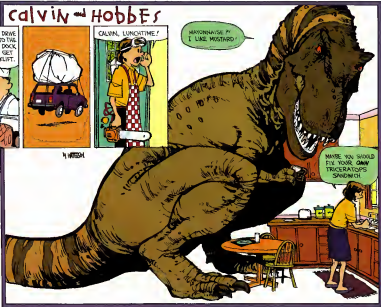




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MAYONNAISE? I LIKE MUSTARD!



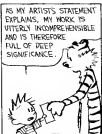
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THE MOST CRUCIAL CAREER DECISION IS PICKING A GOOD "ISM" SO EVERYONE KNOWS HOW TO CATEGORIZE YOU WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE WORK.





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LOOK, A SNAKE!
A BIG ONE!



DO YOU THINK IT'S POISONOUS?
BUTS HE NOW CAN YOU TELL?



IF IT BITES YOU AND YOU DIE, IT'S POISONOUS
BUT NOT



LOOK HOW IT GLIDES ALONG. IT'S ALMOST LIKE A LIZARD.
I WONDER HOW THEY DO THAT.



HE'S FLICKING HIS TONGUE OUT.
I THINK THAT'S HOW THEY SMELL, BUT WHY WOULD THEY SMELL WITH A TONGUE?



DO SNAKES MAKE EYE-LIDS? DO THEY BLEEP WITH THEIR EYES OPEN?
DON'T SNAKES EAT MICE? HOW COULD A SNAKE SWALLOW SOMETHING BIGGER THAN ITS OWN HEAD?



NEE, WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SNAKES
PROVE YOUR MOM WOULD GET US A BOOK.



YEAH, LET'S GO SEE!
WE'LL BE EXPERTS! WE'LL LEARN ALL THERE IS TO KNOW!



HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! IT'S SUMMER! I'M ON VACATION! I DON'T WANT TO LEARN ANYTHING!



IF NOBODY MAKES YOU DO IT, IT COUNTS AS FUN
WOW, YOU REALLY THINK SO?



COOOOOOOLL



I REFUSE TO TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE! I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO WHATEVER I WANT, ALL THE TIME!



NO YOU DON'T.

I DON'T?



WELL IT SURE OUGHT TO BE A RIGHT.



BU-UURPPP



TWPTHH! PHTBT!
THBBPPTT!



BU-UURPPP



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M HOPING THERE'S A MOCKINGBIRD AROUND.





I AM THE DOWNHILL TUMBLE AND ROLL CHAMP,
KING OF THE TOAD FINDERS, CAPTAIN OF THE
HIGH ALTITUDE TREE BRANCH VISTA CLUB, SECOND
PLACE FINISHER IN THE 'ROUND THE YARD BACKWARD
DASH, PREMIER BURGER STATE DIVISION, SOBBUSTER
AND WORM SCOUT FIRST ORDER, AND GENERALISSIMO
OF THE MUD AND MATHEM. SOCIETY!



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WE CAN SEPARATE FACT FROM FICTION. WE UNDERSTAND SATIRE AND IRONY. WE'RE DETACHED AND JADED VIEWERS WHO AREN'T INFLUENCED BY WHAT WE WATCH.





THE DIZZY WAY THEY ZIP AROUND, THE HIGH-PITCHED NOISE THEY MAKE, THEIR PESKY SIZE... EVERYTHING ABOUT THEM IS ANNOYING!



IF I DON'T GET PAID, HOW DO I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT?!



WE ALL WANT MEANINGFUL LIVES. WE LOOK FOR MEANING IN EVERYTHING WE DO.



SUPPOSE THERE'S NO REASON, OR TRUTH, OR RIGHTNESS IN ANYTHING?



BUT SUPPOSE THERE IS NO MEANING! SUPPOSE LIFE IS FUNDAMENTALLY ABSURD!

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WHAT IF NOTHING MEANS ANYTHING? WHAT IF NOTHING REALLY MATTERS?

I GUESS THERE'S NO HARM IN A LITTLE 'NYSMAL' THINKING.



OR SUPPOSE EVERYTHING MATTERS—WHICH WOULD BE WORSE?

MY WATER BALLOON IS ROUND AND AERODYNAMIC FOR GRIM ACCURACY AND CERTAIN SOAKING!



YOUR WATER BALLOON IS LONG AND FLOPPY, IMPOSSIBLE TO THROW THE SLIGHTEST DISTANCE!



THE ADVANTAGE IS CLEARLY MINE! DO YOU SURRENDER?



HEY, THERE'S NO BUTTER IN THE BUTTER DISH! MY TOAST WILL GET COLD WHILE I GET ANOTHER STICK FROM THE FRIDGE!



HAVEN'T I SUFFERED ENOUGH?? WHERE WILL IT ALL END??



MR. AND MRS. EMPATHY.





I'M GLAD YOU'RE GETTING SOME EXERCISE. KEEP THAT HEART RATE UP.



DAD CAN TAKE THE FUN OUT OF ANYTHING.

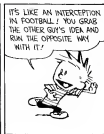
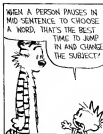
I HAVE A HAMMER!



I CAN PUT THINGS TOGETHER!
I CAN KNOCK THINGS APART!
I CAN ALTER MY ENVIRONMENT
AT WILL AND MAKE AN INCREDIBLE
DUN ALL THE WHILE!

ALL IT'S GREAT
TO BE MALE!



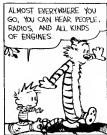


THE MORE SENTENCES YOU COMPLETE, THE HIGHER YOUR SCORE! THE IDEA IS TO BLOCK THE OTHER GUY'S THOUGHTS AND EXPRESS YOUR OWN! THAT'S HOW YOU WIN!



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WHEN YOU'RE ACTUALLY CONFRONTED WITH THE STILLNESS OF NATURE, IT'S KIND OF STARTLING





SO HOW DO WE KNOW THAT NO SEE-UMS EXIST? VERIFICATION IS RULED OUT BY DEFINITION!



AWW MOM, IT'S NOT EVEN DARK YET!

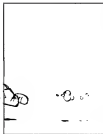






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MY MOM AND MY DAD ARE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM. THEIR DULL APPEARANCE IS PART OF THEIR SCHEME. I KNOW OF THEIR PLANS. I KNOW THEIR TECHNIQUES. MY PARENTS ARE OUTER SPACE ALIEN FRENKS!



THEY LANDED ON EARTH IN SPACESHIPS HUMONGOUS. POSING AS GROWNUPS, THEY NOW WALK AMONG US. MY PARENTS DENY THIS, BUT I KNOW THE TRUTH. THEY'RE HERE TO ENSLAVE ME AND SPOLP MY YOUTH.



EARLY EACH MORNING, AS THE SUN RISES, MOM AND DAD PUT ON THEIR EARTHLING DISGUISES. I KNOW RIGHT AWAY THEIR MASKS WEREN'T LEGIT. THEIR FACES ARE LINED - THEY SAG AND DON'T FIT.



THE EARTH'S GRAVITY MAKES THEM SLUGGISH AND SLOW. THEY SAY NOT TO RUN, WHEREVER I GO. THEY LIVE BY THE CLOCK. THEY'RE SLAVES TO ROUTINES. THEY WORK THE YEAR 'ROUND. THEY'RE ALMOST MACHINES.



THEY DENY THAT TV AND FRIED FOOD HAVE MUCH WORTH. THEY CANNOT BE HUMAN. THEY'RE NOT OF THIS EARTH. I CANNOT ESCAPE THEIR ALIEN GAZE, AND THEY'RE WARPING MY MIND WITH THEIR ALIEN WAYS. FOR SNISSER PLOTS, THIS ONE IS A GEM. THEY'RE BRINGING ME UP TO TURN ME INTO THEM!







THEY TALK ON THE PHONE WHILE THEY DRIVE, THEY WATCH TV WHILE THEY EAT, THEY LISTEN TO MUSIC WHILE THEY WORK...





SOON SCHOOL WILL START.
NO MORE FREEDOM,
NO MORE LONG DAYS OUTSIDE,
NO MORE FUN.





BLING! UGH
HUGH-BLANK
SPIF?

SPIF? BY
BLESSOH
BLESSOH!

HE JOIN OUR HERO! THE
COURAGEOUS SPACEMAN
SPIF! AS HE FLIES THE
WHA! BING BEINGS OF
ZARTRON-9!

SPIF'S ONLY CHANCE IS A BRAVE
STRIKE OF HEAD-TO-HEAD
COMBAT! OUR HERO SWINGS
AROUND AND REGRIPS HIS
COMPUTER-GIFTED ARMY BAY
BLASTER!

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I AM TE
TUM TUM...



I WISH THIS
BOOTED UP
FASTER.

C'MON,
C'MON.



THERE WE GO. LET'S
SEE, GET THE "FILE"
ICON... DOUBLE-CLICK
ON "BLASTER"...



WHA, PULL DOWN
"SETTINGS"... GET
THE "BLASTS" BUBB...
CLICK ON "BAYS"
SELECT "DEATH"
BY "OK"... WHA,
WHA! THE MOTHER
WHY DIDNT MY
SCREEN CHANGE?!"



WHY "O" FOR "HELP"?
"ABOUT BLASTERS"
NONE... CALIBRATING
BLASTERS... HOPS...
"CHARGING THE
STEELER"... NO...
"FEELING THE
GAMMA"... NO...
"INCORPORATION
GUIDELINES"... OH,
TUM, IS AWAITING!"



OH WAIT, I DIDNT
ENTER THE NUMBER
OF "VOLTS"! THATS IT!
TYPE IN "GADILLON"
HIT "OK"... WHA!
"SWEEP SETTING"
DARN! GO BACK
TO "VOLTS", HIT "OK"
"GADILLON": PRESS
"DELETE" TYPE IN...



KRAAK!

SPIF IS HIT!
HE'S GOING
DOWN!



HEY! WHY WOULD THIS BOY
UP? HES SOMEHOW BEEN
PLAYING WITH THIS THING?"

THE WHOLE THING WENT DOWN
AND UGGLIN I JUMPED
CLEAR AT THE LAST
SECOND

LOOK! A QUARTER!



NON! I'M RICH BEYOND MY DREAMS! I CAN HAVE ANYTHING I WANT! ALL MY PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!



MAYBE THERE'S MORE.



I'D BUILD A RAFT FOR THIS POND, BUT I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO DOCK IT.



I'VE ALWAYS SAID YOU'RE A FRIEND WITHOUT PIER.



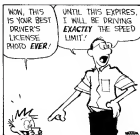
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I GUESS YOU'RE UNDER A LOT OF PIER PRESSURE.







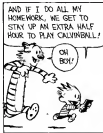
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OTHER KIDS' GAMES ARE ALL SUCH A BORE!
THEY'VE GOTTA HAVE RULES AND THEY GOTTA KEEP SCORE!
CALVINBALL IS BETTER BY FAR!
IT'S NEVER THE SAME! IT'S ALWAYS BIZARRE!
YOU DON'T NEED A TEAM OR A REFEREE!
YOU KNOW THAT IT'S GREAT, 'CAUSE IT'S NAMED AFTER ME!
IF YOU WANNA...



UH, FEEL FREE TO
HARMONIZE WITH
HOBBS ON THE
RUMMA TUM TUMS.

THIS WAS A
MISTAKE.



I'VE GOT THE CALVINBALL!
EVERYBODY ELSE HAS TO
GO IN SLOW MOTION NOW!



WAIT A MINUTE, CALVIN.
I DON'T...

YOU HAVE TO
TALK IN SLOW
MOTION TOO.
LITKE THISSS.



THISSSS GAAME MAAKES
NOOOO SENSINSE! IT'SSSS
AASSS IFFFF YOU'RRRRE
MAAAKINNNGGG UUUU
UUUUP AAAS YOU'N GOOO.



HOBBS! SHE
STUMBLED INTO
THE PERIMETER
OF WISDOM!
RUN!!

OH.







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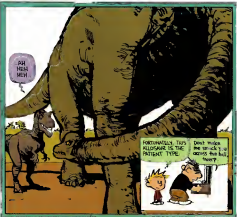
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THE BIG, STUPID ULTRASAUUR TAKES A LONG DRINK...



...A VERY LONG DRINK!

THE FEROCIOUS ALLOSAUUR IS THIRSTY TOO! THIS MEANS CONFRONTATION!



AH HELL YEAH

FORTUNATELY, THIS ALLOSAUUR IS THE PATIENT TYPE.

Don't make me smack you across the ball, fuzzy.





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by NEWMAN



"ORIGINAL FLAVOR"... WAIT, HERE'S "LESS SODIUM," AND HERE'S "LITE," AND HERE'S "LESS FAT."



WHAT IF I WANT LESS FAT AND LESS SALT? WHAT DISTINGUISHES "LITE" FROM THESE OTHERS? DOES THE "ORIGINAL FLAVOR" PACKAGE IMPLY THAT THE OTHERS TASTE DIFFERENT?



FRANKLY, MY LIFE WAS PLENTY COMPLICATED BEFORE THE POTATO CHIPS.



LOOK AT ALL THIS PEANUT BUTTER! THERE MUST BE THREE SIZES OF FIVE BRANDS OF FOUR CONSISTENCIES! WHO DEMANDS THIS MUCH CHOICE??



I KNOW! I'LL QUIT MY JOB AND DEVOTE MY LIFE TO CHOOSING PEANUT BUTTER! IS "CHUNKY" CHUNKY ENOUGH, OR DO I NEED "EXTRA CHUNKY"?



I'LL COMPARE INGREDIENTS! I'LL COMPARE BRANDS! I'LL COMPARE SIZES AND PRICES! MAYBE I'LL DRIVE AROUND AND SEE WHAT OTHER STORES HAVE! SO MUCH SELECTION AND SO LITTLE TIME!



I THINK YOU SHOULD DO THE SHOPPING

DID THE MANAGER HAVE TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN??







I NEED YOUR
HELP, HOBBS.

WHAT'S THE
PROBLEM?



THE TEACHER SAID MY
BOOK REPORT WAS
TERRIBLE, AND I NEED
TO DO IT OVER.

REALLY??



OBVIOUSLY, I NEED
A COOLER LETTERHEAD
LOGO.

I'LL ADD MORE
LANCETOTING
TIGERS AROUND
THE CALVIN
SHIELD.



I HEAR WE'RE
HAVING A FIRE
DRILL TODAY.

RIGHT.



WOW! HOW
EXCITING!
I CAN'T
WAIT!

DO YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO?



YOU BET! WHEN
DO THEY PASS OUT
THE GASOLINE?







I WISH SCHOOL WOULD
DISAPPEAR FOREVER,
RIGHT NOW!



TO MAKE A BAD DAY WORSE,
SPEND IT WISHING FOR
THE IMPOSSIBLE.



KACHOO!



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by NEWMAN

THE INTREPID SPACEMAN
SPIFF IS STRANDED ON
A Distant PLANET!

OUR HERO RUSTLILLY
ACKNOWLEDGES THAT
THIS HAPPENS FINELY
FREQUENTLY.

TO SURVIVE, SPIFF MUST...
...FIND...FOOD!



SPIFF FOLLOWS A
SCAVENGER, MORDON!
PERHAPS THERE'S A
FROZEN KILL HEARTY!



UHHH! THE
STENCH!
OUR HERO
BECOMES A
VEGETARIAN
ON THE SPOT!



BUT THE GRASSES ARE
INDIGESTIBLE! THE FRUIT
IS POISONOUS! THERE'S
NOTHING TO EAT AT ALL!



HERE AND DESPAIRING,
SPIFF PEERS INTO A FROZEN
GEMSER PIT / WHAT'S DOWN
THERE?!



ICE CREAM
SMITHSON'S! OUR
HERO IS SAVED!



THAT'S NOT
VERY HEALTHY

I ONLY NEED
TO SURVIVE
UNTIL I CAN
ESCAPE, OUR
HERO MUTTERS
GRIMLY

BOY, I HATE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS! MISS HORNWOOD IS OUT TO DESTROY MY LIFE!



WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO?



MAKE A LEAF COLLECTION! WHAT A DUMB WASTE OF TIME!



HOW MANY LEAVES DO YOU NEED?



50! I GOTTA COLLECT 50 LEAVES!

AND JUST WHEN I THOUGHT OF A LOOPHOLE, THE TEACHER SAID EVERY LEAF HAS TO BE A DIFFERENT KIND.



SHE'S GOT YOUR NUMBER.

WHEN DO YOU NEED TO PRESENT YOUR LEAF COLLECTION?



IN TWO WEEKS.

THAT'S NOT SO BAD, YOU JUST NEED THREE OR FOUR LEAVES A DAY.



I'M NOT WORKING ON WEEKENDS.

OK, FIVE LEAVES A DAY.



AND MY WEEKDAYS ARE BOOKED UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY AT 6 PM!

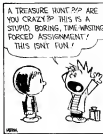
SO YOU NEED AN HOUR.



SLEEP? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



I'M ALMOST DONE. ISN'T IT FUN? IT'S LIKE A TREASURE HUNT!



OUR LEAF COLLECTIONS
AREN'T DUE FOR A WEEK YET!
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY
BE ALMOST DONE?!



I MAKE IT A GAME. I
PRETEND IT'S A CONTEST
TO SEE HOW MANY LEAVES
I CAN FIND EACH DAY.
THAT WAY, IT'S NOT AN
ASSIGNMENT, IT'S FUN!



DID YOU KNOW THAT'S
ONE OF THE TEN
WARNING SIGNS OF
HOPELESS DNEEBYSM?

I'LL BET ANOTHER
SIGN IS MOVING
TO THE NEXT GRADE
EACH YEAR.



THE TEACHER REMINDED US THAT
WE ONLY HAVE A WEEK LEFT TO
FINISH OUR LEAF COLLECTIONS, SO
WE OUGHT TO BE HALF DONE NOW.



YOU HAVEN'T
EVEN STARTED.

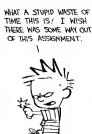


YEAH, BUT I WORK
BETTER UNDER
PRESSURE.

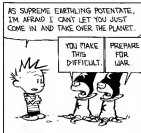
ACTUALLY, YOU
WORK ONLY
UNDER PRESSURE.



THAT WAY, THE WORK
TIME IS MORE
MISERABLE, BUT
THERE'S LESS OF IT.





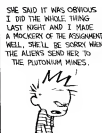






I'LL BET THOSE DUMB ALIENS GOT BACK TO THEIR PLANET AND PROCRUSTINATED! I'LL BET THEY HAVE NO RESPECT FOR DEADLINES! I'LL BET THEY PUT EVERYTHING OFF AND ARE DOING A LOUSY JOB AT THE LAST SECOND!





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by BILLY



THE WORLD ISN'T SO BAD IF YOU CAN JUST GET OUT OF IT.



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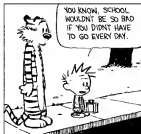
IF GOOD THINGS LASTED FOREVER, WOULD WE APPRECIATE THEM PRECIOUSLY THEY ARE?



I LIKE TO HAVE EVERYTHING SO GOOD, I CAN TAKE IT ALL FOR GRANTED

I THINK THE BERRY AIR MAKES APPLE PIE TASTE BETTER TOO! MIA HA!

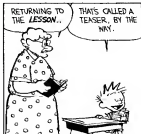




...AND IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LEARN ANYTHING... AND IF YOU TOOK AWAY ALL THE TEACHERS AND ALL THE OTHER KIDS. IF IT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, SCHOOL WOULD BE GREAT.

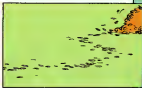


HEY KIDS, ON TOMORROW'S SHOW AND TELL.. I'LL BE BRINGING A BIG SURPRISE! WILL IT SHOCK AND AMAZE YOU.. OR WILL IT DISGUST AND TERRIFY YOU? FIND OUT TOMORROW WHEN I REVEAL MY NEXT SHOW AND TELL HORROR! DON'T MISS IT!



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BY NEWMAN





COMPUTERS WILL TAKE CARE
OF EVERY TASK. WE'LL JUST
POINT TO WHAT WE WANT DONE
AND CLICK. WE'LL NEVER
NEED TO LEAVE THE
CLIMATE-CONTROLLED COMFORT
OF OUR HOMES!

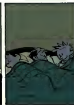
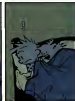
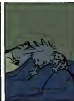
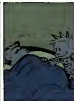
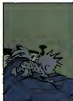
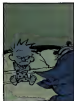
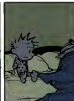


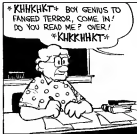
EACH EGG REPRESENTS ONE
OF LIFE'S CONCERNS AND
THE GOAL IS TO GIVE EACH
THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF
INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION WHILE
SIMULTANEOUSLY WATCHING
AND GUIDING ALL THE
OTHERS.



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by BILLY





I'M YET ANOTHER RESOURCE CONSUMING
KID IN AN OVERPOPULATED PLANET,
RAISED TO AN ALARMING EXTENT BY
MADISON AVENUE AND HOLLYWOOD, POISED
WITH MY CINICAL AND ALIENATED
PEERS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD
WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND WEAK!



Boo!



WHUFF
WHUFF
FIFF
Foop



I CAN'T HELP BUT
WONDER WHAT KIND OF
DESPERATE STRAITS WOULD
DRIVE A MAN TO INVENT
THIS THING.



LOOK! GEESE
FLYING SOUTH
FOR THE
WINTER.



TWICE A YEAR THEY MIGRATE
THOUSANDS OF MILES ACROSS
THE CONTINENT IN AN
EXHAUSTING, ETERNAL
STRUGGLE TO FULFILL
NATURE'S UNYIELDING
DEMANDS!



I'LL BET
THAT GETS
OLD REAL
FAST.

YOU DON'T SEE
ME KEEPING
A SUMMER
HOME.



WHY ISN'T MY LIFE LIKE THIS SITUATION COMEDY?



WHY DON'T I HAVE A BUNCH OF FRIENDS WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT DROP BY AND INSTIGATE WACKY ADVENTURES?



WHY AREN'T MY CONVERSATIONS PEPPERED WITH SPONTANEOUS WITTECISMS? WHY DON'T MY FRIENDS DEMONSTRATE HEARTFELT CONCERN FOR MY WELL-BEING WHEN I HAVE PROBLEMS?



WHY DON'T YOU KNOW ANY GORGEOUS BABES?

I GOTTA GET MY LIFE SOME WRITERS.



KNOW WHAT'S WEIRD? DAY BY DAY NOTHING SEEMS TO CHANGE, BUT PRETTY SOON, EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT.



YOU JUST GO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND ONE DAY YOU REALIZE YOU'RE NOT THE SAME PERSON YOU USED TO BE. PEOPLE CHANGE WHETHER THEY DECIDE TO OR NOT.



THANK HEAVEN FOR SMALL FAVORS.

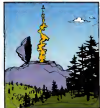


FOR EXAMPLE, I USED TO BE MORE TOLERANT OF OBLIQUE ASPERSIONS.





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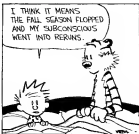


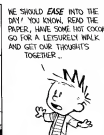
AFTER ALL, MY CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE THE BASIC RESOURCE MATERIAL FOR HISTORIANS TO RECONSTRUCT MY LIFE. MY WRITING WILL PROVIDE COUNTLESS FASCINATING INSIGHTS FOR BIOGRAPHERS.

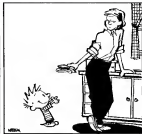


WHAT A VIOLATION OF PERSONAL SPACE! WHAT A SHAMELESS INTROUSION! WHAT A HEARTLESS ASSAULT ON HUMAN DIGNITY!









THIS IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF ME WHEN I WAS TWO.



IT'S STRANGE. I KNOW THAT'S ME, BUT I DON'T FEEL ANY CONNECTION TO THIS IMAGE. EVERYTHING IS SO DIFFERENT NOW.



ISN'T IT WEIRD THAT ONE'S OWN PAST CAN SEEM UNREAL? THIS IS LIKE LOOKING AT A PICTURE OF SOMEBODY ELSE.



SPY, A Slobbering NUDIST WITH LEGS LIKE LINK SAUSAGES.



HERE'S A PICTURE OF ME WHEN I WAS THREE. LOOK AT THAT SMILE!



AWW, THE ARROGANCE OF YOUTH! I THOUGHT I KNEW EVERYTHING WHEN I WAS THREE.



AND YOU EXPNETHED AWW THAT KNOWLEDGE WAKE THITH.

NOW, A LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCE HAS LEFT ME BITTER AND CYNICAL.





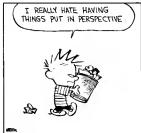


WHY?? IT'S NO CONTEST! YOU'VE GOT THE ENTIRE ADVANTAGE! WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY GET OUT OF POUNDING SOMEONE COMPLETELY DEFENSELESS!





FOR THAT MATTER, IT'S ALSO TOO QUIET. WE NEED SOME BACKGROUND MUSIC.

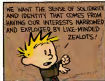


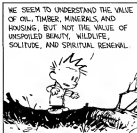




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by WILSON





IT'S FREEZING IN HERE!
WHY CAN'T HE CRANK UP
THE THERMOSTAT?!

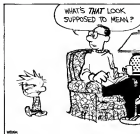




WE DON'T TRUST THE GOVERNMENT,
WE DON'T TRUST THE LEGAL SYSTEM,
WE DON'T TRUST THE MEDIA, AND
WE DON'T TRUST EACH OTHER!
WE'VE UNDERMINED ALL AUTHORITY, AND
WITH IT, THE BASIS FOR REPLACING IT!



WE'LL GET RIGHT BACK TO MORE HITS FROM THOSE HIGH SCHOOL DAYS WHEN YOUR WORLD STOPPED... BUT FIRST, HERE'S OUR CRITIC TO REVIEW THE LATEST MOVIE BASED ON A '60s OR '70s TV SHOW!





OUR COMMON REFERENCES ARE EVENTS THAT NEVER HAPPENED AND PEOPLE WE'LL NEVER MEET? WE KNOW MORE ABOUT CELEBRITIES AND FICTIONAL CHARACTERS THAN WE KNOW ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS!

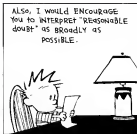


AND I LIKE WHEN THE SLEET TURNS TO HEAVY SNOW AS IT GETS COLDER, SO YOU KNOW THAT TOMORROW THE WORLD WILL BE BURIED IN ICE AND SNOW!











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by WATSON





WITH 200 SNOWBALLS AT MY IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL, I HAVE NO OPPOSITION! MY WILL IS LAW! I AM OMNIPOTENT!



HOW BORING.



IN THE SHORT TERM, IT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY TO GO PLAY OUTSIDE.



IN THE LONG TERM, IT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER TO DO WELL AT SCHOOL AND BECOME SUCCESSFUL.



BUT IN THE VERY LONG TERM, I KNOW WHICH WILL MAKE BETTER MEMORIES.





calvin and hobbes by BILLY WIND



LET'S TRY THIS PATH OVER HERE!

I DON'T SEE A PATH.



WE'LL MAKE A PATH!

WIN BOY!



CHANGE IS INVIGORATING! IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT NEW CHALLENGES, YOU BECOME COMPLACENT AND LAZY! YOUR LIFE ATROPHIES!



NEW EXPERIENCES LEAD TO NEW QUESTIONS AND NEW SOLUTIONS! CHANGE FORCES US TO EXPERIMENT AND ADAPT! THAT'S HOW WE LEARN AND GROW!



WHOOPS... WELL, HERE'S A FRESH CHALLENGE.

I'LL ADMIT IT'S OPENED UP NEW HORIZONS.



THE PROBLEM WITH NEW EXPERIENCES IS THAT THEY'RE SO RARELY THE ONES YOU CHOOSE.

I FEEL SMARTER ALREADY.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS ALWAYS A TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION.



TOO OFTEN WE DON'T EXAMINE OUR LIVES. THIS IS A TIME TO TAKE STOCK AND THINK ABOUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT.



IT'S A TIME TO REDEDICATE ONESELF TO FRENZIED ACQUISITION... A TIME TO SPREAD THE JOY OF MATERIAL WEALTH... A TIME TO GLORIFY PERSONAL EXCESS OF EVERY KIND!



EARTHLY REWARDS MAKE CONSUMERISM A POPULAR RELIGION.



...A TIME TO ATONE FOR ONE'S FRUGALITY!

OH BOY, LOOK AT ALL THE SNOW! IT MUST BE SIX INCHES DEEP!



THIS WILL BE PERFECT FOR SLEDDING OR...



DING DONG!

DING DONG DING DONG

ALL RIGHT! I'M COMING! I'M COMING!



WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH THIS PLANET YOU SOLD US ?!







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by BILLY





THE NEW ISSUE OF CHEWING TELLS HOW TO STAY IN TOP CHEWING CONDITION OVER THE WINTER!



WHAT'S SO HARD ABOUT THAT? YOU CAN CHEW GUM ALL YEAR.



WE SERIOUS CHEWERS NEED A LOT MORE THAN STRONG JAW MUSCLES, YOU KNOW! TO CHEW HOUR AFTER HOUR, WE NEED A TOTAL CROSS-TRAINING FITNESS REGIME!



SO THE IDEA IS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THIS HOBBY YOU CAN ENDURE.

RIGHT WHEN YOU'RE GOOD AT IT, IT'S REALLY MISERABLE.



SOMETIMES AT NIGHT I WORRY ABOUT THINGS AND THEN I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP.



IN THE DARK, IT'S EASIER TO IMAGINE ANGRY POSSIBILITIES THAT YOU'D NEVER BE PREPARED FOR.



AND IT'S HARD TO FEEL COURAGEOUS IN LOOSE-FITTING, DROWN-BEAR JAMMIES.

THAT'S WHY TIGERS SLEEP IN THE BUFF!





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by BILLY WIZEN

WOW, IT REALLY
SNOWED LAST NIGHT!
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL?

EVERYTHING FAMILIAR HAS
DISAPPEARED! THE WORLD
LOOKS BRAND-NEW!

A NEW
YEAR...
A FRESH,
CLEAN
START!

IT'S LIKE HAVING A BIG
WHITE SHEET OF PAPER
TO DRAW ON!

A DAY
FULL OF
POSSIBILITIES!

IT'S A MAGICAL
WORLD, HOBBS,
OL' BUDDY...

...LET'S GO
EXPLORING!





